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Cuba Reports Killing Rebels

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(AP).—Havana Radio claimed today that three counterrevolutionary bands have been smashed and its leaders killed by Cuban armed forces and state security agents in Matanzas Province.

The radio did not disclose when the encounter occurred. It said one of the dead leaders, Jose Catala Coste, was named by the United States Central Intelligence Agency as counterrevolutionary chief for Matanzas Province.

The other two leaders, identified as Luis Leon and Fulencio Garcia Mirabal, were killed through a combined operation of armed forces detachments and state security members, according to the broadcast.

The radio said the three anti-Castro groups were engaged in acts of vandalism and misdeeds and committed various crimes in Matanzas Province.

The broadcast identified one of the groups as the raiders of a farmer's house, near Bolondron in south central Matanzas Province, last January 25.

Havana radio reported that a band of raiders identified as agents of the CIA and carrying weapons of American manufacture, attacked the home of Farmer Gregorio Rodriguez, killed his children, Juan, 13, and Yolanda, 11, and seriously wounded his wife and two other children.